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Applicant(s) : Takayuki SUZUKI et al

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Examiner : John M. Mulcahy

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING GROUP 3739**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed  
October 8, 2003, the term for response to which expires on  
January 8, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3, 4 and  
7 are amended; claims 2, 6 and 8-12 and 20 are maintained;  
claims 5 and 13-19 are canceled; and claims 21-23 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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